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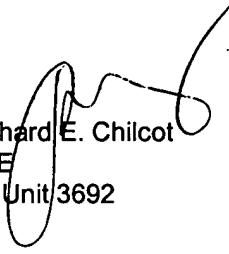
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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on February 26, 2007, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: As noted in the first paragraph of the paper filed, applicant's representative clearly indicates this is "not" a response to the office action dated November 1, 2006¹. Moreover, from the review of the paper filed 2/26/2007, it appears applicant maybe requesting a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181; however, there is no clear directive for such interpretation. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

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